IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Inventor: Sitaram Dontu, Shreeram Bhide, Faisal Mushtaq

Assignee: Cisco Technology, Inc.

Title: Distributed Multicast Forwarding in Virtual Network Devices

Application No.: 10/826,888 Filing Date: April 16, 2004

Examiner: Srinivasa R. Reddivalam Group Art Unit: 2477

Docket No.: CISO216US Confirmation No.: 1421

Austin, Texas February 12, 2010

MAIL STOP RCE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS P. O. BOX 1450 ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT AND REMARKS ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Dear Sir:

This paper and the accompanying Request for Continued Examination (RCE) are being submitted in response to the Final Office Action dated November 10, 2009, having a shortened statutory period set to expire on February 12, 2010 (February 10 and 11 having been Federal holidays). Further examination and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

No Amendments to the Specification are presented in this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

No Amendments to the Drawings are presented in this paper.

Remarks begin on page 20 of this paper.

- 1 - Application No.: 10/826,888